equipment at all the nine aspiration points of the system "should be made functional and operated regularly" during ship loading and receiving operations of the plant. A scrutiny of the relevant operational records in audit revealed that the utilisation was nil during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 and was less than 3 per cent in the years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1986-87 and 1988-89 with reference to the number of hours the Ore Handling Plant had worked.

Thus the Dust Control system had not served the purpose of preventing environmental pollution and safeguarding the health of workers and the expenditure of Rs. 81.02 lakhs incurred on the project remained unfruitful .

Construction on New Port at Ennore

4133. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the construction of New Port at Ennore (Near Madras);

(b) if so, the details thereof, including commencement and completion of the work and financial allocation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contstruction of New Port at Ennore (near Madras) has been sanctioned on 23-4-93 at an estimated cost of Rs. 593.90 crores. The work is scheduled to be completed by 22-4-98.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Bridges on National Highways in Gujarat

4134. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bridges constructed on the national highways in Gujarat during the year 1992-93 and also the number of those proposed to be constructed during 1993-94 and together with their locations;

(b) the number of bridges repaired/are being repaired on National Highways in Gujarat during the last two years; and

(c) what are the yearwise details of the amount spent on repairs of the bridges on National Highways during the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Four bridges located at Km. 140/2—4 of National Highway-8; Km. 1/70 of NH-8B; Km. 2/60 of NH-8B and on link road joining NH-8 and NH-8A have been completed in Gujarat during 1992-93. Depending upon the availability of funds following 51 bridges are targetted for completion during 1993-94 :—

42 bridges (29 Road over bridges, 11 under passes and 2 Rail over bridges) on Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway.

3 Bridges on National Highway-8.

2 Rail Over Bridges on NH-8A.

2 Bridges on NH-8B.

2 Rail Over Bridges on NH-8C.

(b) Seven bridges.

(c) 1991-92 Rs. 60 lakhs

1992-93 (Provisional) Rs. 43 lakhs

Development of National Highways

4135. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1864 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1993 and state :

(a) out of the amount, how much was spent exclusively for development work of the highway;

(b) how many projects/schemes did the respective State Governments during this period submit to the Central Government for the development of this highway;

(c) the details of each scheme, as to when it was submitted, whether it was approved or not;

(d) if the scheme or project is yet to be approved, the stage at which the scheme is presently pending before Government;

(e) whether the Central Government would send a high level team to assess the needs of the highway and study particularly the ghat section from Nerimangalam to Bodyanaickakoor;

(f) whether this ghat section is laid with rubberised bitumen; and